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FOLLOWING REPEAT OSAF WASH DC/SAF/OIP P R 191901Z DEC 77
SENT ACTION COMUSFORAZ TERCEIRA AZORES INFO USAF OEHL BROOKS
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OASD WASH DC DEC 19.

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SUBJECT: MV VULCANUS CLEANING IN PONTA DELGADA AZ

1. REF COMUSFORAZ MSG 151935Z DEC 77 SAME SUBJECT, REQUESTING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. A MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT FROM STATE DEPART-
MENT (OES/EN/EN) TO AM EMBASSIES IN ATHENS, BONN,BREMEN, LISBON,
MADRID, AND THE HAGUE. MESSAGE DATE TIME GROUP WAS 100028Z DEC 77.
STATE DEPT REFERENCE NUMBER WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 294831.
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2. STATE DEPARTMENT MSG CONTAINS GUIDANCE. IT READS AS FOLLOWS,
QUOTE. WHEN M/V VULCANUS (DUTCH OWNED INCINERATOR SHIP USED TO
SUCCESSFULLY DISPOSE OF U.S. AIR FORCE STOCKS OF HERBICIDE ORANGE
IN THE PACIFIC) RETURNED TO EUROPE FOR SCHEDULED INSPECTION/MAINTEN-
ANCE IN OCTOBER, MINUTE QUANTITIES OF TCDD (DIOXIN) WERE FOUND IN
SOME RUST SAMPLES FROM THE CARGO TANKS AND TO A MUCH LESSER EXTENT
NEAR SOME LOADING HATCHES. ALTHOUGH AMOUNTS OF DIOXIN FOUND (0.01
TO 0.09 PARTS PER MILLION) ARE AT OR SLIGHTLY ABOVE OUR ANALYTICAL
DETECTION LEVEL, IT WAS DEEMED DESIRABLE TO REMOVE RUST IN ORDER TO
MINIMIZE ANY POTENTIAL RISKS TO SHIPYARD PERSONNEL DOING MAINTENANCE.
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2. VULCANUS IS CURRENTLY IN ATLANTIC (AZORES) WHERE RUST WILL BE
REMOVED BY APPROPRIATE CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL MEANS AND HANDLED IN
ACCEPTABLE MANNER BY THE SHIP OWNERS. FURTHER TESTS WILL BE CAR-
RIED OUT BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AFTER THIS CLEANING, AND SHIP
OWNERS PLAN TO APPLY TO SHIPYARDS IN WEST GERMANY, SPAIN OR GREECE
FOR NECESSARY MAINTENANCE. 3. ABOVE MAY BE USED ON IF ASKED ONLY
BASIS IN RESPONDING TO QUERIES. IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED

REFER QUESTION TO (STATE) DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION OES/ENP/EN. UNQUOTE.

3. MR. GEORGE KINTER STATE DEPARTMENT OES/ENP/EN HAS BEEN ASKED TO RETRANSMIT TO AMCONSUL LAJES.

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4. USAF PERSONNEL ARE WITH SHIP TO COLLECT SAMPLES FOR ANALYTICAL TESTS WHICH ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN THE UNITED STATES, UNDER USAF CONTRACT. USAF PERSONNEL ARE NOT SPOKESMEN FOR M/V VULCANUS.

5. ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE M/V VULCANUS AND THE LOCAL PORT AUTHORITY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO SHIP OWNERS. REPRESENTATIVE IN ROTTERDAM IS MR. GERT HEINEMANN 010.67-1333.

6. BASED ON FIRSTHAND OBSERVATION OF THE CLEANING OPERATIONS, THEY ARE BEING CARRIED OUT WITH STRICT REGARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE, AND THUS REPRESENT NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARD OR DANGER TO THE PORT.

7. PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY PRESS ON THIS SUBJECT.

8. PROJECT OFFICER IS CAPT HAWKSWORTH, AV 225-5766.

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